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Pall Bearers

Grandsons of the late Addis E. Brooks

- Sharief Shakur
- Thomas Braggs
- Sahide Wright
- Dennis Brooks
- Asadi Shakur
- Derrick Brooks

Perhaps

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,

Or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece,

If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,

As any friend could say,

Perhaps you were not there at all,

Just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much - whatever the part.

Pray For Peace

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Celebration Of Life

Addis E. Brooks

1922 - 2004



*Friday, April 23, 2004
11:00 a.m.*

St. James A.M.E. Church

*588 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Dr. William D. Watley, Pastor*

*Rev. Linda Ellerbe
Officiating*



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Galatians 6: 9-16

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.



Officiating
Rev. Linda Ellerbe
Bethel A.M.E. · Passaic, New Jersey

Organ Prelude Mr. Alistair Liddell

Processional Family

Opening Hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Prayer of Comfort

Selection St. Thomas Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament Psalm 46: 1-7, 10-11

New Testament Revelations 21: 1-7

Solo Rev. William Evans, Jr.
"Blessed Assurance"

Acknowledgements Mrs. Carolyn Stanley

Obituary Ms. Monique Seamon

Expressions of Sympathy

Solo Ms. Susu Bobien
"I Won't Complain"

Eulogy Rev. Alyson Browne Johnson
First Baptist Church of
Lincoln Gardens
Somerset, New Jersey

Recessional "I'll Fly Away"

Interment
(Family Plot)
Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

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Big Girls Don't Cry

*Tears may roll down my face,
But tissues wipe them away.
Today it rained on my parade,
But tomorrow starts a new day.*

*I don't plan to be sad
Don't want it to rain.
Can't take all this stuff.
Can't take all this pain.
My parade should be bright,
Just at the right pace.
But tears keep a-rollin';
On down my face.*

*I stopped all the cries
Dried my teary red eyes
Held my head up and realized
Big girls don't cry.*

*Najimah Wise
Great Grand Daughter
Published in Anthology of Poetry
By Young Americans 2003*

Addis Elosie Brooks, affectionately known as Mommy, Granny and just Addis, entered her Heavenly Home on April 18, 2004. Addis was born to the late Ruth and Rev. John J. Jenkins on October 13, 1922 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. She attended the public schools in Johnstown, Pennsylvania and Boston, Massachusetts. She also attended Wilberforce University and Essex County College.

Addis worked for the United States Government, Immigration and Naturalization Branch of the Justice Department for over thirty years. Before retiring in 1990, she became active in community service, particularly at St. James Towers where she resided.

Mrs. Brook's community work began with a literacy program for adults and children, she coordinated a tenants association with the Newark Tenants Coalition, a "Share" feeding program, after school and summer programs, where neighborhood children would receive breakfast and lunch when they were not in school, as well as participate in summer camp activities in coordination with the Friendly Fund. She ran ongoing bus trips for the community and a program that received, bread cakes and other goodies free to the residents in the building and anyone who needed it. Her efforts were not only limited to the youth and feeding the hungry, she was instrumental in coordinating the seniors in the building to form the "Golden Oldies" that performed community service such as visiting the Jay Street Nursing Home and bringing cheer to those less fortunate. Her dream was to coordinate a "440 reunion."

Mommy's work was not only in the world, but in the Word. She played an important role in forming a viable Bible Study that meets weekly. She was a member of St. Thomas AME Church, where her daughter, Rev. Deborah Brooks, pastors. Prior to joining St. Thomas, Addis was a member of St. Mark A.M.E. Church, Cranford, where at one time her father, Rev. John J. Jenkins pastored. At St. Mark's, Addis was active in the Young Adult Choir and the Flower Club.

She was predeceased by her husband, Conrell, three children, Barbara Joanne, Richard "Dennis" and Conrell, Jr. (Skeets) Brooks, as well as one grandchild, Scott.

She leaves to cherish her memory: one sister, Evangeline Jenkins-Jordan; one sister-in-law, Katherine Taylor; one daughter-in-law, Patricia Brooks; four daughters, Connie Brooks of Newark, NJ, Joyce Brooks-Mazell of Elizabeth, NJ, Rev. Deborah Brooks of Cranford, NJ and Nadirah (Laurie) Shakur of Newark, NJ. Also celebrating her life are sixteen grandchildren, Lisa, Jahiiah (Donna), Richard (Dennie), Pamela, DeWayne, Kenneth, Tanya, Sahide, Brian, Naimah (Tammy), Thomas; Derrick, Sharif, Asadi and Saliq; thirty-one great grandchildren; eleven great great grandchildren; a host of relatives, friends far and near and her family at 440.

To know Addis is to love her.

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Mother

When we think of Love
We think of you
Who helped us grow up
Straight and true

We can never repay you
But there's one thing we can do
Show you over and over
How much we love you.



On the day you came into this world
A beautiful star dropped from the sky
And landed in your heart.

You carried this wondrous light
Within your soul,

And as you grew older
It began to shine brighter
Making the world a happier place.

You were indeed amazing
Truly unique in your kindness
And loving heart.

You touched the hearts of those around you
Sharing the incredible gift you had.

We are deeply blessed to have had
A mother as special as you.

- Your Loving Children



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Change of Address

Dear Family and Friends,

I want you to know that I moved. I received a call from God, the Chief Architect, who informed me that my house is ready and that I could move.

You all know that I have been sending up my timber in my own way, packing up a little at a time, getting ready to go, but there were some minor things to do, some to finish, some finishing touches on some timber that only the Chief Carpenter-Jesus the Christ could help me do. I also had to wait for Him to let me know when He had finished some of the little things that were too broad, too thick or not long enough.



Well, my new home is finished and it's such a beautiful sight to behold. It is located in an exclusive estate area and sits behind a beautiful pearly gate, just off a serene celestial shore. Of course, the streets are paved with gold and every day is Sunday here, I've been told.

I have lived several places before my new home was prepared and none of the others could compare. There is peace, joy and happiness here with no more pain and cares of the world to bear. No strife or discontent, there is only sweet serenity everywhere and I could go on exploring around my new home, but I have to get fitted for my wings.

Let me give you my new address, because I highly recommend you make plans to live here too:

Addis E. Brooks
12 Gates To The City Avenue
God's Town, Heaven 77777

Oh yeah, I don't have a phone yet, but please do not hesitate to call God and He'll help you out. If you don't have His number, you can find Him listed in the Good Book on every page. See ya soon.

God's Garden In The Sky

God created the heaven from His master plan
He envisioned a place of beauty and fashioned it with His hand
Within it He placed a garden, which He planted with care
Having flowers of every variety for all His people to share.
One day He looked upon His garden and there was an empty space
He pondered in His mind what would best fill the place.
He decided He needed a flower set apart from all the rest
And when people saw it, they would know it was God's best.
He found that special flower many years ago
He kept His eyes on it as it continued to grow.
He watched how it was handled by those who had been blessed
To enjoy the beauty and warmth that this special flower possessed

There were many stormy years that it had to survive
And it was truly the love of God that had kept it alive.
And now the stem of His favorite flower had began to become weak
It had lived an illustrative life; it had reached its peak.
Yet, God, in His tender mercy loved this flower still
And they will live forever with Jesus Christ, our Lord
So Addis, we're going to miss you, but one by and by
We will meet again and rejoice in the garden in the sky.



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